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Change of hours of attendance in Shemoga and Mysore Schools

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Memo

Letter No 1370 of 12 July 1876 from the Director of Public Instruction

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With the above letter, the Director of Public Instruction submits for orders a Memorial transmitted to him by Wm V A Irwin Acting Chairman Chairman of the Native Literary Union at ~~Kandy~~ Jaffna Ahmnagar and signed by several influential inhabitants of that place, praying for a change in the hours of attendance observed at the Ahmnagar High School

2 The Memorialists urge the following considerations against the existing system

(1) That the morning hours instead of being employed by students in getting up their lessons are at present spent in school where they are taught the lessons which they are to study and learn at home

That the time spent in school (7 to 11 A.M.) is not sufficient to impart instruction

(2) That the masters who have the quantity of work to be done during the year marked out for them are compelled to be perfunctory in their work owing to the short time allowed them for teaching

(3) That the present early hours necessitate the students taking their breakfast after their

return from school, that is, 1914 56 Amd. pending
so late as 12 A.M. and thus
leads to much weariness
and exhaustion

(4) that, as a consequence
of the above, the students
have not the leisure to
prosecute their studies
during the day, and young
boys take to playing as
their guardians are
generally absent from home
at that time

3 For the above reasons,
the Memorialists pray
that the School hours be
regulated as in the Madras
Presidency viz from
10 A.M. to 5 P.M. with
an hours' recess in the
~~intervals~~ interval, but with the
following modifications
(1) That the interval of
recess be limited to

one Quarter of an hour, and

(2) that the Lower Class boys, if not all, be let go home at 4 P.M. instead of at 5.

~~For the above reasons,~~ the Memorialists ~~pray~~ pray

4 "The first departure from the Madras system is recommended on the ground that the recess is too long and leads the boys to expose themselves to the heat of the Sun, and the second modification on the ground that some time will be left to the students for bodily exercise in the evening"

5 "The Director states that a considerable number among the persons who have signed the Memorial

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hours Sastamen
School work for this
period would difficult
for boys & masters. At
least ½ an hours interval
in the middle of the day
not allowed if the
School is to close at 4
hours, ½ of an hour days
happen - ~~[illegible]~~ in the late
~~[illegible]~~ in the Gospel days Private
Memo of 22 June 1875 in
the file, he advocates 2
hrs, for the School hours
long from 11 to 3 or 4 PM
& would like hours
~~[illegible]~~ in the Classes
& allow the long period
for purposes of from 1
to 4 - ½

are parents of boys attending
the School, that they all
advocate the proposed change
and that the Head Master
has all along been in favor
of the change, and that
there is not the same dif-
ficulty in carrying it
out at Thurso as that exists
in other parts of Caithness
Mr Rose therefore recom-
=mends the introduction
of the change proposed
at Thurso from 1st
September next, and
thinks that all the School
would benefit by a
like change

6 The general question
of the change of School hours,
has been lately under discussion,
and the views of the
late Head Sheriff Sheriffdom

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are clearly expressed in
favour of the change in
his Memorandums noted * Printed Memo of 22nd Jan/11 (para 22)
in the margin On the
decided opposition, however, Memo No 560 of 27 March/76
of the Director of Public
Instruction expressed
in his letter No 3515 of 25 Feby/76 paras 5 & 6
Mr Dalyell directed that
no change need be made
at present This Order
has not yet been com-
= municated to the
Director of Public Instruction,
pending a reference to
the President Municipal
Board on the subject
of the establishment
of a Primary School
in connection with the
Central College

On the subject of the present Memorial, I am of opinion that sufficient strong reasons have been shown in favour of the change proposed but the proposal to limit the recess to a quarter of an hour is not, in my opinion suitable, as this would lead to masters and pupils being continually at work for 5 or 6 hours at a stretch. The closing hour may be fixed at 4 o'clock P M in the case of all classes, as, I understand, has been lately prescribed in some of the schools in the Madras Presidency

8 The change may be

introduced tentatively
in Shimoga and the
results awaited with
a view to its extension
in other parts of the
province.

B T Thumboo
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The receipts in the Canje
Sub-Collectorate have
frequently surprised
Gentlemen, and as the
Captains will see from Reference
& the Orders + Memo below
of 1876, & the Orders herein, in
any Season if it not being known to
Upper Demerara, I decline, on
the Part of opposition but should be known
to Rate as regards Skeldon Boys School
after Many Workers have made a Request that
an Exception to the Rule, in favorable Weather
the Charge might be made 12/8 General -
I quite concur in the advisability of the alteration
Hours, and with a view to the adoption of these
Recommendations Canvassed - the hours in
the School hours being from 10 to 4 o'clock
with half an hours rest - I shall be happy
to extend the Charges to the Bungalow
all other Schools in the Province

+ Thos Vide W Sheppard
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From The Director of Public Instruction
Bangalore

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
General Department

Dated 12th July 1876

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General No 1370
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Submits a Memorial from Shimoga [illegible] the Chief Commissioner's order regarding the charge of Government High School Shimoga [illegible] Mission

No 1370

Office of the Director of Public Instruction
Bangalore 12th July 1876

From

The Director of Public Instruction
Mysore & Coorg

To

The Offg Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore

Sir,

Referring to my letter No 3515 of the 25th February last paras 5 and 6 on the question of changing the school hours in Mysore, I have the honour to report that after that date it appears to have been proposed as a subject for discussion at a meeting held at the Native Literary Union, Shimoga, on the 30th of April. In consequence of resolutions then passed, a Memorial was forwarded to me on the 7th of May by the chairman, Mr N N Venkatachar (who is, I believe, the Judicial Assistant at that station) bearing 79 signatures, and praying that the present school hours observed in the High School at Shimoga, namely 7 to 11, might be altered to 11 to 5 for the upper and 11 to 4 for the lower classes, with a recess of a quarter of an hour.

2. The Head Master having reported to me on the 16th January last, "that after a careful and rather searching inquiry in Shimoga he found that the majority of the pupils and their parents were opposed to any alteration in the hours of study," I thought it advisable to make enquiries as to how many of the memorialists were parents or guardians of boys

boys actually attending the school According to the Inspector of Schools 31, and according to the Chairman who transmits the memorial 45, stand in that relation and they are stated to be men of influence and position But the return of the Memorial for the purpose of this enquiry led to its being translated into Canarese and more generally circulated for signature, which procured 60 more signatures According to Mr Tirumalachars statement, out of 209 boys at the school, the parents or guardians of 127 have now signed the petition for the change of hours, and only 7 declined to sign the rest were either absent or could not be identified

3. The reasons adduced in favour of the change will I think be best seen from the Memorial itself, hereto appended

4 The Head Master has all along personally advocated the change, and there is not the same difficulty in carrying it out at Shimoga as in other stations where there are competing schools opposed to the movement If, therefore, the Chief Commissioner is of opinion that sufficient grounds have been furnished for trying the experiment at Shimoga, I would propose its introduction there on trial, from the 1st of September to the end of the year. I am disposed to think that all the schools

would

would benefit by a like change, and the example here set might lead to its being generally embraced.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

Director of Public Instruction

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B L Rice, Esquire

Director of Public Instruction

Mysore and Coorg

The humble memorial of the under-signed inhabitants of the town and Suburbs of Shimoga, interested in the progress and welfare of the Students attending the High School Shimoga

Showeth —

That your Memorialists consider that the Students of the High School Shimoga are placed under several disadvantages by having to attend the School between 7 and 11 O'clock in the morning, albeit this is the practice at present in vogue in the other Schools of this Province

2 That your Memorialists proceed to describe below some of the disadvantages above referred to

That the best part of the day suited for being devoted to study are the morning hours, especially in the case of boys, who in the afternoon in the absence of their parents and guardeans from home on their several avocations, idle away their time in play-ing, and who in the night cannot set long at their books without detriment to their health These morning hours, instead of being employed by students in getting up their lessons are at present spent in school where they are taught the lessons which they are to study and learn at home The morning hours from 7 to 11 at present spent in school, apart from being not applied to the pursuit best suited for the occasion, are not sufficient to impart instruction in School Some of the teachers them-selves have expressed this opinion and it is notorious that for want of sufficient time the lessons prescribed daily for boys, in the lower classes especially, are much more than they can master in one day, and these are often not fully explained nor is the mastery of students in them sounded to any degree

That

4 That far is it from the purpos of your memorealists to animadvert upon the staff of School masters, but your Memorialists feel themselves bound, in the interests of sound education to submit that the masters having the quantity of work to be turned out in a year marked out and not having at their command sufficient time to perform it to the benefit of the Students, are necessitated to be perfunctory, not even being able to see that the boys read their lesson properly — not to speak of the most important part of their duty which is to see that they understand their lessons

5 That nothing like the breaking of fast in the morning being in favor with Hindus there happens to be at present an interval of more than Sixteen hours from supper to next days morning meal. It is therefore no wonder that thus famished the Hindu boys are far inferior in physique to boys of other creeds, and it is a pitiful sight to see them return-ing home in the midday sun with drooping faces, and the distance that many of the boys have to make

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being a mile or more, they are (your Memorialists speak from actual experience) so much exhausted that they betake themselves to rest awhile before washing and eating. That such a prostration of youthful energy should by all means be avoided, your Memorialists need not urge

6. That languor resulting naturally from previous starvation and the influence of the midday sun upon the wasted energies of students, they cannot be expected to enter upon their studies in the afternoon with cheerfulness, freshness and vigour of mind, and in the case of children they are most of them under no supervision for the reason before alluded to that their parents or guardians are absent from home on various avocations, and consequently are left to their own ways As for studying in the night, it is only grown up boys that can and do sacrifice some of their hours of sleep, and granting that the others are compelled to do the same, what is read with drowsy eyes does not make any firm impression upon the mind

7 That for the reasons above set forth the morning hours being unsuited to

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and insufficient for instruction at School and being on the other hand the best suited for study at home, Your Memorialists humbly beg leave to propose for your favorable consideration, that the School hours be regulated as in the Madras Presidency vizt from 10 A M to 5 P M, with an hours recess in the interval, and in recommending this measure, Your Memorialists beg to propose the following modifications

1 That the interval of recess be limited to one quarter of an hour, and

2 That the lower-class-boys, if not all, be let go home at 4 P M instead of at 5

3 That your Memorialists are moved to recommend these departures from the rule in force in Madras upon a consideration of the good of the Majority of the boys - Giving one hours recess to School boys in the hottest part of the day is to drive them out of shelter to expose themselves to the sun and thus compel them to eat unripe fruits or drink unwholesome waters procurable in the vicinity of the School or unduly indulge in mischievous petulances, every one of which

which is undesirable. The time is not sufficient to enable most of the boys to go home to take tiffin and return, and even if it was, Your Memorialists would prefer than remaining at School to walking hurriedly in the sun over a distance of two miles with the dread of overstopping the time While thus the recess of one hour is of little or no avail to the majority of students, its curtail-ment will admit of their returning home an hour earlier, where after some repast, they will be able to give healthy exercise to the body in the evening. and when they are thus refreshed they can with cheerful-ness study two hours in the night

9 That the change advocated by Your Memorialists, if introduced, will give an increase of nearly two school hours in a day which will enable teachers to give easy lessons suited to the infant minds of the boys and to see that they understand and learn them properly— and besides this it will also greatly lessen the chances of the boys going astray, as they will be under the control of parents or guardians and teachers, alternately

10 That for the foregoing reasons, Your Memorialists beg that the change

recommended

recommended by them may be adopted and in conclusion they request that it may be introduced into the School here when it re open after the expiry of the present summer vacation

That for this act of public good Your Memorialists would ever pray—

Shimoga
5th May 1876

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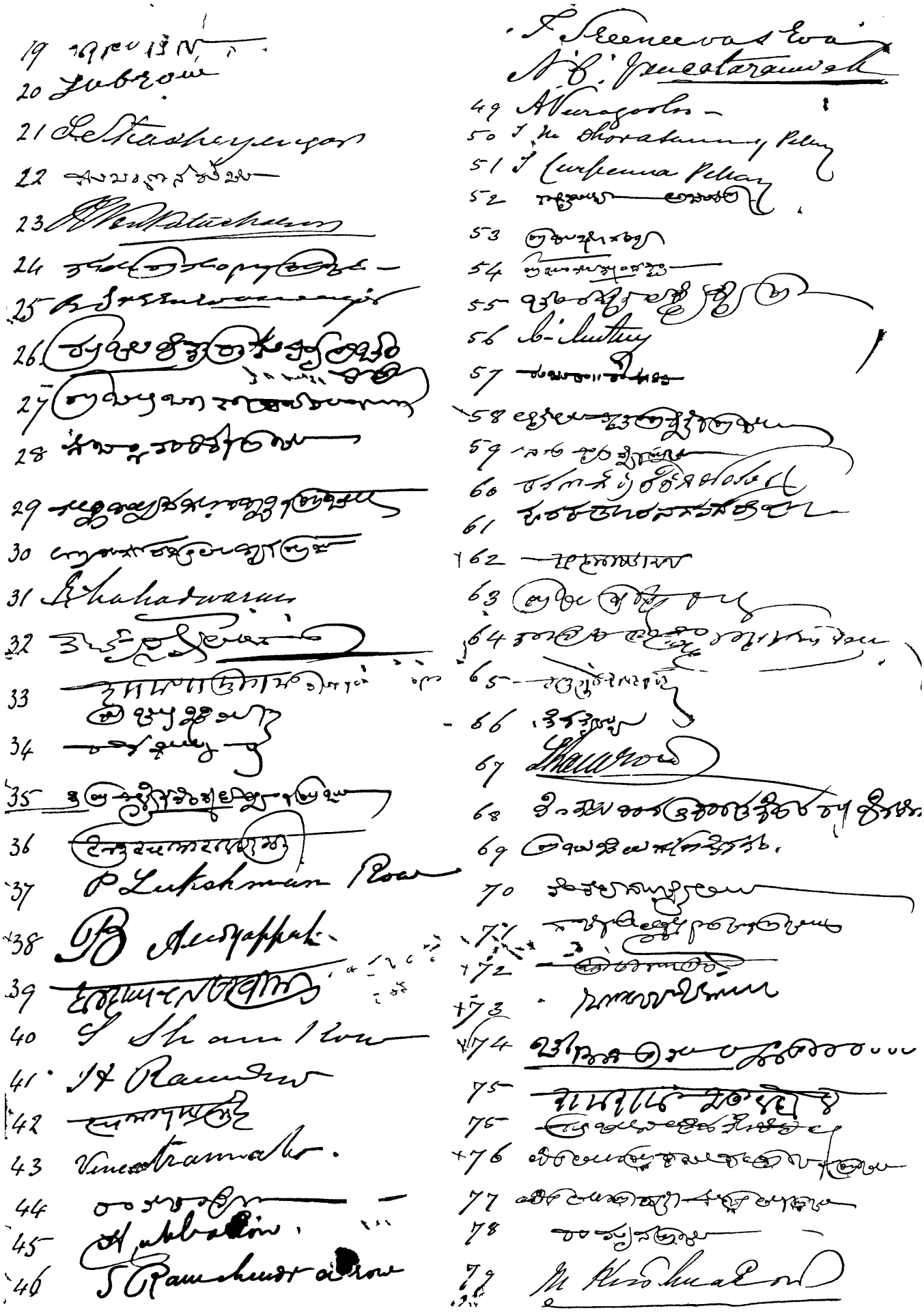
2 V R Veerabhadrappa
3 Rama Row
4 K Ramachunder Row
5 P Madhava Rau
6 Nanjaraja Urs
7 P. Venkat Rao
8 Cundoo Lowza
9 Vasantharam
10 Edmondstone
11 Ketchman
12 Venkatachar
13 B. Ramaswamy
14 Cundamanoopengar
15 A Devarsah
16 C Ramachunder Row
17 G Groundsung
18 H Loba Rows



Proceedings of the Chief
Camp of Eugene -
dated Brayshaw Augt 1876

Letter No 1370 dated 12th Oct
1876 from the Director of Public
Instruction, with a Memorial
from Shimoga -

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Sir.

With the foregoing letter the Director submits a Memorial from a Class of Inhabitants of Shimoga, praying that the present School hours observed in the High School (7 to 11, may be altered to 11 to 5 for the Upper, and 11 to 4 for the Lower Classes, with an interval of a quarter of an hour, advancing the following reasons for the proposed change -
(1) that the morning hours, 7 to 11, are not favourable to impart instruction, and
(2) that they precipitate the attendance of the pupils without partaking of their morning meal, thus rendering them unable to prosecute their studies with vigour.
2 In recommending the introduction of the proposed

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Change from the 1st kept the Director ~~desire~~ that a considerable number of those who have signed the Memorial are parents of boys attending the School, that the Head Master is in favor of the Change, and that there is not the same difficulty in carrying it out at Chicago as in other stations where there are competing schools opened by the Missionaries.

3 The Chief Supt is quite satisfied that the recently strong grounds have been shown in favor of the proposed Change, and he accordingly authorizes the hours of attendance at the Chicago High School, being altered from 7½ to 11 am to 10 am to 4 pm with a recess of half an hour

The Change to be introduced ~~gradually~~ from the 1st prox.

4 Mr Saunders to be prepared to ~~attend~~ Saunders in the Schoolroom of the Central ~~Collegiate~~ Institute at Hamilton ~~Collegiate~~ and Schools at Barrie in Toronto for which the Director ~~Schools~~ in the Province; of such as Convenient occupancy by the Director after Consultation

The Superintendent observes that the application now made by the Inspectress at Normanby, and supported by the Director of P.I., is in accordance with the views indicated in para 9 of the Chief Superintendent's Circular of 30 Nov last to 7016 Ed'10, as to the desirability of a change being introduced in the School hours prevailing in this Province.

2 The alteration now proposed in the case of the Normanby High School here the Saunders Institute appears ~~and~~ with a slight modification to meet the School hours shall be from 10 am to 4 pm the hour of an hour at noon for Recreation &c.

3 In the event of this

satisfactorily, the Dept cannot but prepare & approve of the Bill being immediately introduced among the Schools in this Province, for the change in question appears to be demanded in the interests of the youth of both sexes in those Schools, who are [illegible] by the Orders in Council of 25 Feb last & consequently would be subjected to the many such change

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to the Principals and Head Masters concerned.
The Memorial is returned.

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To the Bd of Public Instn

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore Educational Department, 24th August 1876

From the Director of Public Instruction Mysore To the Offg Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore General Department, No 13/0 dated Bangalore 12th July 1876

Referring to my letter No. 3515 of the 25th February last paras 5 and 6 on the question of changing the school hours in Mysore I have the honor to report that after that date it appears to have been proposed as a subject for discussion at a meeting held at the Native Literary Union Shimoga on the 30th of April In consequence of resolutions then passed a memorial was forwarded to me on the 7th of May by the Chairman, Mr V N Tirumalachari (who is I believe the Judicial Assistant at that station) bearing 79 signatures and praying that the present school hours observed in the High School at Shimoga namely 7 to 11 might be altered to 11 to 5 for the upper and 11 to 4 for the lower classes with a recess of a quarter of an hour

2 The Head Master having reported to me on the 16th January last that after a careful and rather searching inquiry in Shimoga he found that the majority of the pupils and their parents were opposed to any alteration in the hours of study I thought it advisable to make inquiries as to how many of the memorialists were parents or guardians of boys actually attending the school According to the Inspector of Schools 31 and according to the Chairman who transmits the memorial 45 stand in that relation and they are stated to be men of influence and position But the return of the memorial for the purpose of this inquiry led to its being translated into Kanarese and more generally circulated for signature which procured 60 more signatures According to Mr Tirumalachari's statement out of 209 boys at the school the parents or guardians of 127 have now signed the petition for the change of hours and only 2 declined to sign the rest were either absent or could not be identified

3 The reasons adduced in favor of the change will I think be best seen from the memorial itself hereto appended

4 The Head Master has all along personally advocated the change and there is not the same difficulty in carrying it out at Shimoga as in other stations where there are competing schools opposed to the movement If therefore the Chief Commissioner is of opinion that sufficient grounds have been furnished for trying the experiment at Shimoga I would propose its introduction there on trial from the 1st of September to the end of the year I am disposed to think that all the schools would benefit by a like change and the example here set might lead to its being generally embraced.

No 5238—Edl 12 dated Bangalore 24th August 1876

Order —The Chief Commissioner observes that the application now made by a body of influential persons at Shimoga and supported by the Director of Public Instruction is in accordance with the views indicated in para 9 of the Offg Chief Commissioner's order of 30th November last No 7016—Edl 10 as to the desirability of a change being introduced in the school hours prevailing in this Province

2 The alterations now proposed in the case of the Shimoga High School have Mr Saunders entire approval with a slight modification *viz* that the school hours shall be from 10 A M to 4 P M with an interval of half an hour at midday for recreation &c

3 In the event of these arrangements being found to work satisfactorily the Chief Commissioner will be prepared to approve of their being more generally extended among the schools in the Province, for the change is one that appears to be demanded in the interests of the youths if not in those of the masters who were reported by the Director in his letter of 25th February last to be nearly unanimously opposed to any such change

T CLARKE,
Offg Secretary

To—The Director of Public Instruction

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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To

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

No 5238
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Shimoga High School—Changing hours of attendance.

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To Eclw —

Secretary to Chief Commissioner
General Department

Dated 6 February 77

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ENCLOSURES NO 1

General No 3860 } 1876-77

Recommends that 48 hours of school hours in the week as Night school may be sanctioned experimentally

Printed Proceedings for 11936 of 23rd Feb 77

The Change is most desirable and the Dir of Pub Instn has taken steps to secure the question of adopting the same terms for the Central College & all Bengalee

[illegible]

Approved

I perfectly approve of the proposed change & can introduce here as I feel confident it is a boon to the whole district, & should [illegible]

however to know under what circumstances a public meeting was held at the Lucknow Girls School & whose orders or under what authority it was convened as of course such meetings in a Public Institution ought only to be held with the permission of the Local Authorities, that is the Principal of the Institution

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No 3860

Bangalore

2nd Feb 1877

From

Office of the Director of Public Instruction

Bangalore, 1st February 1877

The Director of Public Instructions

To

The Offg Secretary to the Chief Commissioner

Sir,

Referring to Chief Commissioners Order No 5238 - Educl 2 of the 24th August last, I have the honour to state that a change of school hours from the morning to the middle of the day was introduced at the Shimoga High School from the 1st September last, and is reported by both the Head Master and the Inspector of Schools to be working well

2 I have since received from Mysore, through the Head Master of the Raja's High School, copy of the Proceedings of a Public Meeting convened at that city on the 25th November last for the purpose of discussing the same subject, Mr C Rangachari being in the chair The Resolution then passed in favour of the change is appended to this letter.

3 On receipt of this document I thought it will, in the first instance, to ascertain through the Head

Head Master of the Rāja's High School what proportion of the parents of pupils actually attending the school approved of the change I also put myself in communication with the Head of the Wesleyan Mission School at Mysore, with the view of ascertaining whether, in the event of a change of hours being experimentally introduced into the Government institution, a corresponding change would be made in that belonging to the Wesleyan Mission.

4 With regard to the first point, Mr Candy sent by each pupil to his parents or guardian a circular in Canarese explaining what was proposed, and those who wished for further information waited on him personally and had their doubts removed. As the result of these proceedings, the persons responsible for 187 pupils have assented to the change, and the representatives of only 26 pupils are opposed to it The objections raised on the part of the latter are, - that the boys cannot get their breakfast in time, and that those who attend Sanskrit School in the afternoon will not be able to do so These do not appear to be insuperable objections and are confined to a small minority

5. As regards the Wesleyan Mission School, the Rev Mr Haigh, the Missionary in charge, is favourable to the change of hours, and has consented to introduce it simultaneously with Government, but will not pledge himself to continue the practice if found unsuitable or injurious to the school Thus of course cannot be expected, nor would the alteration be maintained in the Government School if experience should be decidedly against it.

6 I beg therefore to submit for the sanction of the Chief Commissioner that the school hours in the Rajas High School, Mysore, should be experimentally changed, from 7 to 11 a m as at present, to 11 to 5 each day, with a break of an hour at 2, and a half holiday on Saturdays.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

Director of Public Instruction

Proceedings of a meeting held in the hall in the Maharaja's High School, Mysore, on Saturday the 25th of November 1876

Mr C Ranga Charlu in the chair

Resolved

Proposer Mr K Sheshadri Iyer 9th do.
Seconder Mr Seppings
* *, arrived unanimously

That, in the opinion of this meeting, the present arrangement in regard to the hours of School attendance, necessitating, as it does the attendance of boys from 7 to 11 AM before they could take their food, is highly prejudicial to their health, and that it is desirable to alter this and to fix the hours from 10½ A M to 1½ P M and from 2½ P M to 4½ P M, with full holidays on Saturdays

C Rangacharly [illegible]

[illegible signatures]

K. Sheshadri Iyer

[illegible] Ramachandra Rao

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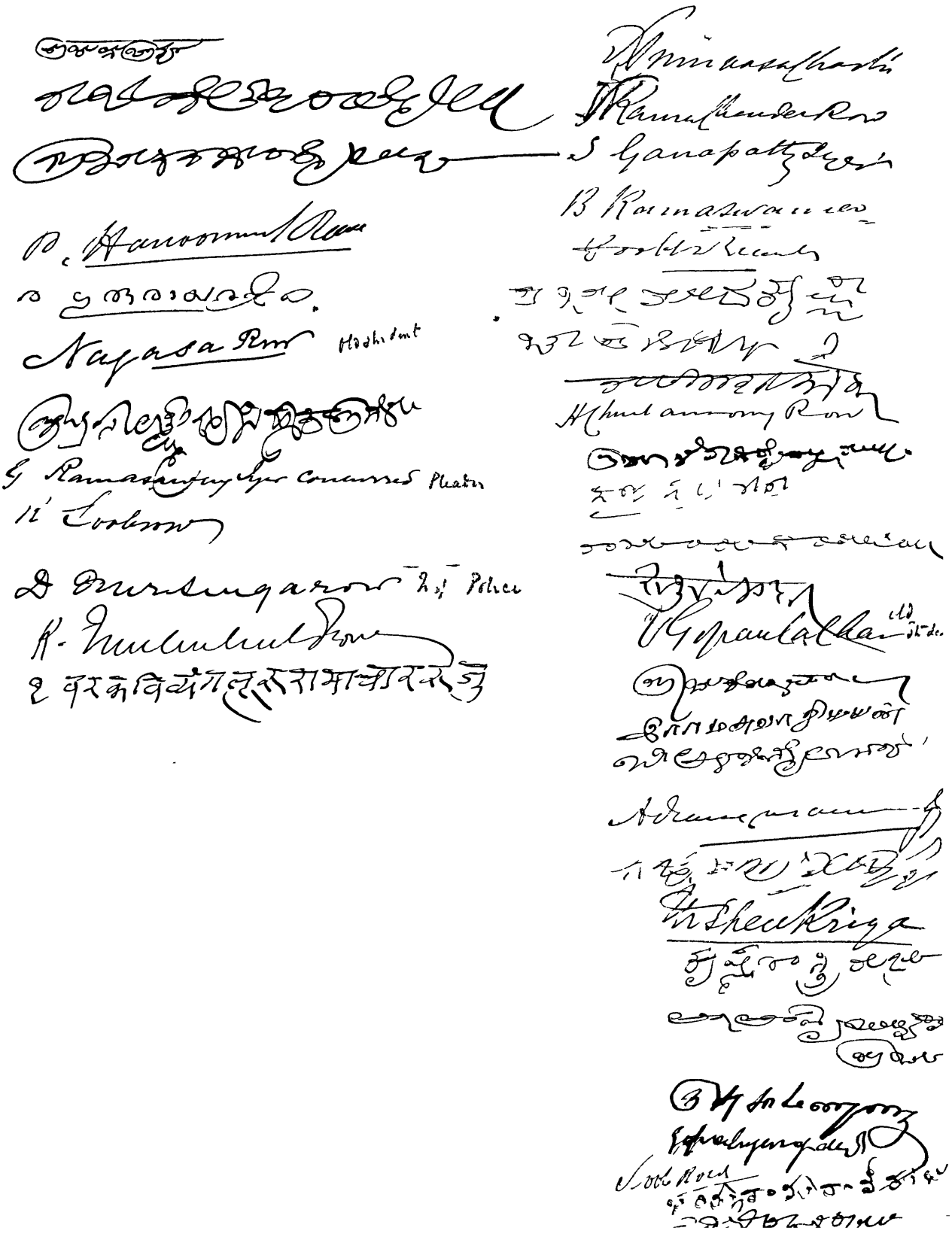

may be adopted experimentally, but the Chief Commissioner has no reason to doubt that the change will prove satisfactory, as at Shemoga.

Mr. Saunders desires that the Rev. Mr. Hall will take early steps to consider the prospects of adopting similar terms in the Youth School at Bangalore

Proceedings of the Chief Court of Mysore
Of Bangalore February 1877

Letter No. 3860 dy 6th Feby 77
from the Director Public
Instruction with 1 Enclosure

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Order

1 The alteration ~~proposed~~ in the school hours at the Maharajahs High School at Mysore ~~viz from 7 to 11 A.M. as at present, to 11 to 5 each day, with an interval of an hour at 2 o'clock, and a half holiday on Saturdays, for the Chief Commissioner's sanction approval~~ and Mr Saunders desires that the question of adopting the same hours for the Central College at Bangalore may be taken into early consideration

2 At the same time Mr Saunders requests to be informed under what authority the public meeting referred to was held on the Maha Rajahs High School at Mysore on Feb 2 & the desire to appoint a Committee for the purpose ~~of Secretary~~.

Does attention of the Chief Commissioner

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Recommended

Mysore adopted experimentally, but the Chief Commissioner desires that the Change with respect to Saturday, as at Bangalore

2 Mr Saunders desires that the Meeting of 2nd Feb at the Maharajahs High School, Mysore be postponed to consider the propriety of applying similar hours to the Govt Schools at Bangalore -

3 The enclosure returned to the Public Meeting at Mysore

Secretary

To
The Dir Public Instruction
at Mysore

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To the Dep. Pub. Instr.
in Mysore

Yd 28th Feby/77

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School at Mysore
Changing hours of
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Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner Mysore, Educational Department, 23rd Februar 1877

From the Director of Public Instruction To the C Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore Educational Department No 3860ited Ban alore 6th February 1877

Referring to Chief Commissioner s order No. 52--Educational 2 of the 24th August last I have the honor to state that a chan e of school hours n the morning to the middle of the day was introduced at the Shimoga High School from the 1st S mber last and is reported by both the Head Master and the Inspector of Schools to be working wel

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No 11936—EDL. 21, DATED BANGORE 23RD FEBRUARY 1877

ORDER—The alteration recommended me school hours at the Raja s High School at Mysore may be adopted experimenta but the Chief Commissioner has no reason to doubt but that the change will prove isfactory, as at Shimoga

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Offg Secretary

To—The Director of Publ c Instruction in Mysore

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION IN MYSORE

Dated February 23rd
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No 11936
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School at Mysore —Changing hours of attendance at —